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1938

**Curtis  
Dahlia  
Gardens**

*Ionia, Michigan*

# SPECIAL Plant Collections

The Dahlias Offered in Our Special Collections Have All Been Tried and Have Stood The Test

## Big Ten Special

All Are Good Vigorous Growers and Very Prolific.  
Very Attractive Dahlias

Blue River

Col. Lewis

Queen City

Kentucky Sun

Margrace

Mason's Purple Beauty

Prachkerl

Ruth M.

Severin's Triumph

White Abundance

One Plant  
Each

\$5.50

## 1937 Roll of Honor Special

These Dahlias Grew Fine For Us; Are The Most Popular  
of the 1937 Introductions.

Fireball

Golden Beauty

Great Eastern

Miss Oakland

Mrs. Ida Chase

Pioneer City Bonfire

Purple Mist

Robert Ripley

One Plant  
Each

\$13.00

## 1936 Roll of Honor Special

This Collection Contains The Most Outstanding of The  
1936 Introductions

Oakliegh Monarch

Margrace

Blue River

Prachkerl

Queen City

Pride of America

Salem Streamline

Kentucky Sun

One Plant  
Each

\$6.00

# CURTIS DAHLIA GARDENS

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## Member

American Dahlia Society

Dahlia Society of Michigan

Dahlia Society of Indiana

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## References

Ionia Garden Club

Michigan Dahlia Society

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is always a pleasure, and we want you  
to feel that you can order from it with  
assurance

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Your success in growing prize winners with  
dahlias bought from us is of more importance  
to us than winning prizes ourselves.

Our important winnings recently proves the  
quality of stock we are offering our customers.

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## FREE DAHLIAS

Orders from \$5 to \$10 select 10% Free Dahlias  
Orders from \$10 to \$15 select 20% Free Dahlias

This Offer Not Good on Special Collections  
or Whole sale Orders

## 1938 GREETINGS!

It is a pleasure to know that our painstaking efforts in presenting our catalogue to you in the past has been appreciated.

Your fine response in placing orders has demonstrated your confidence in us and is one of our most valued possessions.

We will do everything possible in the future as we have in the past to merit your continued patronage. We enjoy hearing from our customers, how their dahlias grew. How they won at the various shows, and having them visit our gardens.

Very truly yours,

MR. AND MRS. RAY E. CURTIS

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## IMPORTANT!

In making up our 1938 catalogue we are forced, on account of space, to be very brief in our descriptions. We have discarded those that did not perform satisfactorily and have added many new ones, that we grew in our garden or were recommended by reliable growers in different parts of the country.

We are listing many foreign varieties, which seem to be very popular.

We will appreciate your filling in the form on back of order sheet and sending to us.

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## SPECIAL INFORMATION!

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY—

Avoid disappointment by ordering early. Quantities are very limited on some varieties and you will be assured of the best selection by making prompt reservations.

Remittance may be made in the most convenient way when sent with order. Or if desired, 25 per cent when order is placed balance to be paid at time set by you for shipment of stock.

On all orders less than \$2.00, add 10c for postage. All orders \$2.00 and up delivered prepaid.

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GUARANTEE—All roots or plants sent to customers are guaranteed to be true to name and from healthy parent stock and to grow if given reasonable care on arrival and after planting; We are ready and willing to replace any that should prove otherwise.

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# INFORMATION on Green Plants and Growing Dahlias

## ECONOMY BUYING PLANTS—

Dahlia plants are becoming more popular each year, not only because they are much more economical to buy but usually produce larger flowers.

## EXPERIENCE—

Our many year's experience growing and exhibiting dahlias proves to us that dahlias grown from plants that are propagated and grown right are superior to those grown from roots usually producing larger and earlier flowers.

## PROPAGATION—

We propagate all our plants in a well ventilated greenhouse, growing them as cool as possible, therefore producing healthy and husky plants. Growing them cool does not make the largest plants but they make up for it when planted.

We are very firm believers in growing the young plants in three inch clay pots as we know the plants grown in pots dry out quicker than in boxes. The watering and drying out process is surely very beneficial to plant life.

## SHIPMENT OF PLANTS—

Our plants are weather hardened for at least ten days before shipment. Packed in special boxes they are guaranteed to reach you in good growing condition. We have shipped to nearly every state in the Union.

## PLANTING AND CARE OF GREEN PLANTS UPON ARRIVAL—

Green plants should be immediately unpacked upon arrival and should be watered and then removed from paper pot; Then soak the dirt from the roots and straighten them out. This is not necessary but you get better clumps. Then carefully plant, setting plant so that the top of the ball of soil is about three inches below the ground level. Plants should then be watered thoroughly and covered with a basket or crate for a few days as a partial protection from the sun and wind. Water the plants every day for a few days and then every two or three days for a week or two. The hard crust that forms around plant after watering should be carefully broken up as soon as soil is dry enough to work. If cut worms are around, plants should be protected by placing a collar made of heavy paper about three inches wide around them, setting collar about one inch deep in the soil.

## STAKES—

Five or six foot stakes should be driven in ground about three feet apart one way and two or three feet the other before setting out plants. That protects them from being tramped on by both children and dogs. Then as your plant grows the stake is there to tie the plant to.

**TIME OF PLANTING—**

Dahlias should not be planted before the ground becomes well warmed by the sun in the Spring. May 15 to 30 is about the right time for most locations, although they can be planted as late as June 20 with good success.

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**PLANTING AND CARE OF ROOTS ON ARRIVAL—**

Upon arrival tuber should be planted at once if ground has been prepared for them, providing soil is not too wet to work! If soil is not ready, they should be very carefully taken out of the box in which they arrived, taking great care in handling so that the eyes or sprouts on tubers will not be broken off. They should then be put into a larger box of some kind laying them flat in the bottom, and then entirely covering them with two or three inches of moist sand, sawdust, or soil, in order to keep them from shriveling or drying out. They should then be removed to a cool place in the cellar and left there until ready to plant. Drive stakes before planting roots the same as with the plants, three feet one way and two or three feet apart the other. Then holes should be dug about six inches deep at the base of each stake and a root planted in each hole with the eye end next to the stake, laying them perfectly flat. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THEY BE STOOD ON END. Then place about two inches of well pulverized soil over each bulb but do not fill hole clear up. Wait until the plant makes some growth and then fill hole up as the plant grows up. Allow only one sprout to grow from each root. If more than one comes up, save the best one and pinch the others off. As the sprout grows, it should be tied to the stake to keep it from being broken off by heavy rains or wind.

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**PREPARATION OF SOIL—**

The soil should be thoroughly spaded and well pulverized before planting and if poor, some well-rotted barn yard manure or common fertilizer should be well worked in. Dahlias do not need very rich soil.

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**FERTILIZERS—**

In the fall if possible cover your garden with some barn yard manure or sow rye and then in the spring after it becomes six or twelve inches high plow it under, that provides humus of the best kind. Before planting scatter about 5 lbs. steamed bone meal and 5 lbs. of wood ashes over the ground that will be occupied by about forty dahlia plants.

About the first of August scatter a good big handful of steamed bone meal and two of pulverized sheep manure around each plant keeping about six inches from the stalk of plant. August 15th repeat the treatment.

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**WATERING—**

Dahlias like plenty of water and should be soaked every ten days, and oftener while in bloom. Always cultivate well after watering as soon as the ground is dry enough to work in order to loosen up the crust that has formed. You can easily overwater when plants are young, but you cannot overcultivate them. It is better not to water than to allow a crust to form after watering. As buds form on the plants, they should be removed as soon as they appear, up to August 1. The idea is to grow your plant first, and then let it bloom.

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**PINCHING BACK, OR TOPPING OFF PLANT—**

When the plant shows three or four sets of leaves, we advise pinching the top off, just above the top pair of leaves; this will hold the plant back a week or two, but it will make the plant grow more robust and vigorous, and give many more, heavier and better branches than would of been had, had the plant been allowed to grow naturally. While this is not necessary on low growing plants, we urgently advise it on all tall growing plants.

**DISBUDDING FOR LARGE OR EXHIBITION FLOWERS—**

There is no trick or secret in disbudding to get the large blooms one sees at the shows, or in the gardens of the Professional grower, it is all so very simple, if directions will be followed. When the buds begin to appear at the tip of the branch, they usually appear in clusters of three and when these are about the size of a pea, we take out the two side ones, and leave the center bud to grow alone. If by chance one of the side buds is larger, or looks healthier than the center one, then take out the center bud, and the weakest or smaller of the side buds. With this done we then stay on this branch and go down to the last set of leaves on this same branch, and take out the two small branches, or laterals as they are called. These, as a rule, are small, as they are just beginning to sprout out from the node, or joint where the leaf is growing from. We do this right down on all of the leaves on this one branch until we get down to the last set of leaves; these we allow to grow. This not only gives a large flower, but also a longer and stronger stem. Continue this application on all side stems of the plant.

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**SPRAYING—**

During the hot days of summer, insects or pests such as Aphids, Thrips, Leaf Hoppers, Green Flies, Cucumber Beetles, etc., are more or less prevalent and dahlia plants are generally attacked by them. If any of these pests should be noticed on or around the plants they should be sprayed at once with a good insecticide. It is generally best to spray before any insects appear rather than to wait until they make their presence known. In the latter case, many times, the plants are so debilitated or stunted from the ravages of these pests that spraying will be of little help. We have found the best way to hold these pests in check is to start spraying the plants at regular intervals of about two weeks, starting in when the plants are about six inches high. We are using Red Arrow.

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**DIGGING THE BULBS—**

Late in the Fall after heavy frost has blackened the tops. Dahlias should be dug and removed to a frost proof cellar for storage during the winter. The digging must be done very carefully as the single bulb planted in the Spring will now have made a large clump. The clump should be loosened from all sides and then carefully lifted, taking great care so as not to break the necks of the bulbs. Any cellar that potatoes can be stored in successfully will be all right for Dahlias. They must be kept cool and away from heat, otherwise they will start to grow again if the cellar is too warm. If the cellar is equipped with a furnace, the bulbs should be removed as far as possible from the heat, and covered over with some light material such as straw, sand or sawdust. Soil is all right provided it is dry.

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**DIVIDING THE CLUMPS—**

In the Spring as soon as the eyes or sprouts begin to show the clumps should be divided. To do this, first split the clumps by cutting through the stalk with a good strong pocket knife or short bladed butcher knife if you have one. Then cut each half in two, trying to divide the bulbs so that each one will have a piece of the stalk with an eye or sprout attached to the bulb. The eyes are all formed around the base of the stalk, there being none on the bulbs, so in dividing, great care must be used to see that each bulb has a piece of stalk with an eye on it attached to the bulb, otherwise they will not grow.

# 1937-1938 Introductions, Honor Roll and Certificate Winners

**ABBREVIATIONS**—(F.D.), Formal Decorative; (I.D.), Informal Decorative; (C), Cactus; (S.C.), Semi Cactus; (S), Show; (MIN.), Miniature.

**AZURA (I.D.)**—A large deep flower of splendid formation. Rosy lilac with a bluish violet sheen. Plant growth unusually strong and thrifty. **PLANTS \$1.50**

**AUTUMN SUNSET (I.D.)**—An outstanding new Dahlia with all the glory, beauty and delicate coloring of an autumn sunset. Scored 87 at East Lansing. **—PLANTS \$2.00**

**AMERICAN PURITY (S.C.)**—One of the best. Reputed to have the quality and size so generally lacking in other whites. **—PLANTS \$2.00**

**ANDRE CSIZIK (S.C.)**—(Foreign)—Well formed flowers of a deep violet rose color, free flowering, good stems. Winner Silver Cup for the best Dutch Cactus. **—PLANTS \$0.50**

**AMY BARTLEY (I.D.)**—A beautiful light yellow. Real large. **—ROOTS \$1.00; PLANTS \$0.50**

**ADIRONDAC SUNSET (I.D.)**—Scarlet and yellow. **—PLANTS \$0.50**

**ADORABLE (I.D.)**—A beauty of true peach color. **—PLANTS \$0.50**

**AMELIA EARHART (S.C.)**—Best described as a giant Edna Ferber. **—PLANTS \$0.50**

**BERNICE GEER (C.)**—1938—A beautiful old rose pink lightly suffused salmon pink which is veined and slightly tipped gold. On two honor rolls. **—PLANTS \$3.75**

**BUCKEYE GLORY (I.D.)**—A shining orchid pink. It produces very strong growth and is free with blooms early and late. Won three certificates. **—PLANTS \$1.50**

**BUCKEYE STAR (S.C.)**—The long, lasting-pink and yellow so much admired. Won certificates of merit at East Lansing and in Georgia. **—PLANTS \$1.50**

**BLUE RIVER (F.D.)**—Early blooming variety that is as near to a blue dahlia as we have ever grown. It has size and a good stem. **—ROOTS \$1.50; PLANTS \$0.75**

**BELLADONNA (I.D.)**—(Foreign) — Plants medium to tall, stems good. Color is best described as lilac or lilac pink. **—ROOTS \$0.75**

**BABY ROYAL** (Foreign)—A salmon pink semi-cactus miniature, extra good. On 1934 honor roll. An English variety. **ROOTS \$0.40**

**BALLEGO'S SURPRISE (C.)**—(Foreign)—This pure white dahlia beats all existing white flowering varieties in the cactus class. Long wavy petals. An early and prolific bloomer. **—PLANTS \$1.00**

**BUBBLES OF HILLCREST (I.D.)**—Giant bloom. Color: An unusual shade of magenta. Did fine for us.—**PLANTS \$0.75**

**BAUER'S IDEAL (D.)**—(Foreign)—Glowing red. The very large flowers are carried on long erect stems. One of the best red dahlias.—**PLANTS \$1.00**

**BETTER TIMES (C.)**—(Foreign)—Blooms are of fair size and good depth. Color is a beautiful lilac rose. Plants are about four feet high and vigorous.—**PLANTS \$0.50**

**BISHOP OF LLANDAFF (Duplex)**—(Foreign)—A wonderful English bedding dahlia. Rich deep red with dark eye and nearly black foliage. Very unusual.—**ROOTS \$0.50; PLANTS \$0.40**

**CAPTAIN RITTER (I.D.)**—Beautiful pastel shades of amber, yellow and pink. The blossoms have huge proportion, good substance and are held on strong, straight stems.—**PLANTS \$2.00**

**CHARLOTTE CALDWELL**—(Ball) — A new dahlia with a much needed color, bright orange, slightly shaded terra cotta.—**PLANTS \$2.00**

**CROIX DU SUD** (Foreign)—Large anemone. Blooms up to ten inches in diameter. Single row of red petals, center is a cluster of pure yellow petaloids.—**PLANTS \$2.00**

**COL. LEWIS (I.D.)**—(Foreign)—Very large blooms on stout stems, color is a very deep rose pink. A grand dahlia.—**ROOTS \$0.75; PLANTS \$0.50**

**CAVALCADE (F.D.)**—Old rose. One of the finest dahlias. Vigorous growing and prolific.—**ROOTS \$0.50; PLANTS \$0.40**

**CALIFORNIA IDOL (I.D.)**—Clear, bright, self-colored yellow. Keeps well when cut. It is a fine grower.—**ROOTS \$1.50; PLANTS \$0.75**

**CALIFORNIA ROSE (I.D.)**—Clear, bright rose. Exquisite coloring. Flowers are large, but extremely graceful.—**PLANTS \$0.75**

**CONSERVATRIX (C.)**—(Foreign)—One of the most artistic in its class. Bright geranium red flowers of good size.—**ROOTS \$0.75; PLANTS \$0.50**

**CORALLINA (S.C.)**—(Foreign)—An unusually striking dahlia of stone red and gold. Petals curl and twist in a most artistic manner.—**ROOTS \$1.00; PLANTS \$0.50**

**CENTURY OF PROGRESS (F.D.)**—A royal purple, very full centers and a good keeper. Did fine for us.—**ROOTS \$1.50; PLANTS \$0.75**

**CLARA CARDER (I.D.)**—A cyclamen pink with a flush of yellow at the base of the petals that lights the flower.—**PLANTS \$0.75**

**DEAN ANDERSON (I.D.)**—A true exhibition type, of a rare new color,—radiant henna orange. Extra long, strong stems, holding the very large flowers in an ideal position.—**PLANTS \$2.00**

**DR. JOSEPH SCHEINER (S.C.)**—(Foreign)—An excellent variety, very popular wherever seen; large flowers with great depth; color white overlaid lilac rose.—**PLANTS \$0.75**

**DOROTHY MATHEWS (F.D.)**—Rich violet mauve, one of the best formal pinks we have ever grown —PLANTS \$0.75

**DeLEGER (C.)**—(Foreign)—A small orange cactus dahlia that is very prolific and attractive. —PLANTS \$0.40

**DULCINEA (S.C.)**—(Foreign)—Very bright, cardinal red cactus which has many of the characteristics of Miss Belgium. Very good, —PLANTS \$1.00

**DISCOVERY (I.D.)**—Deep rosy magenta with deep reddish garnet center. Many of the petals twist, showing a rose reverse. Very attractive in color, stems are strong. —PLANTS \$2.00

**DARLING (S.C.)**—(Foreign)—Salmon pink, tinted lilac.

**DADDY KEMP (I.D.)**—Spectacular because of its extreme size and rich purplish color. Prune the bush to four canes for strong stems. —ROOTS \$0.75; PLANTS \$0.40

**ELIZABETH RETHBERG (I.D.)**—Clear pink that can be grown to 14 inches, with petals that roll back to stems. Has good stems. Plant is a tall grower. Did fine for us. —PLANTS \$1.75

**EXQUISE (S.C.)**—(Foreign)—Pink with cream center—good. —PLANTS \$1.00

**EEMLAND (S.C.)**—(Foreign)—Dark velvety purple red. Great. —PLANTS \$0.75

**ELISSA LANDI (F.D.)**—Jasper pink blended with warm buff, giving an effect of brilliant orange. —ROOTS \$0.75; PLANTS \$0.50

**ENTRUP'S SULTAN (F.D.)**—(Foreign)—A monster, color carmine red. One of our best. —ROOTS \$0.75; PLANTS \$0.50

**FRANZ BERGER (S.C.)**—(Foreign)—Similar to Frau O'Bracht, color coral red. Admired.—ROOTS \$0.75; PLANTS \$0.50

**FRAU I. MANSFIELD (C.)**—(Foreign) — Deep rich yellow, laciniated tips. Greatly admired. —PLANTS \$0.75

**FASCINACE (S.C.)**—(Foreign)—Salmon pink with gold center. —PLANTS \$0.75

**FIREBALL (F.D.)**—Another of moderate size but with a color that demands instant attention. A brilliant scarlet which does not burn or fade. One of our best. —PLANTS \$1.75

**FAIRY (MIN.)**—(F.D.)—Soft rose-pink, tinted with lavender. One of the nicest miniatures to be used for any purpose. —ROOTS \$0.50

**FIXLER'S COLLARETTE**—Color, a bright glowing red with yellow collar. Very attractive. —ROOTS \$0.50

**FRANK SERPA (I.D.)**—(Foreign) — The color is a delicate wine. A variety much in demand. —ROOTS \$1.00; PLANTS \$0.50

**FRECKLES (I.D.)**—Chrome yellow background on which there is striped, blotched, and speckled, irregularly bright scarlet. —PLANTS \$1.75

**FRIEDA MONICH (I.D.)**—(Foreign)—Scarlet suffused yellow. Greatly admired. —PLANTS \$1.00

**GENEVA GIANT (S.C.)**—1938—An immense (S.C.)—Of chrome yellow center, blending to apricot, reverse of petals are of red orange. The petals have a graceful twist which give it a wonderful color.

—PLANTS \$3.75

**GOLDEN BEAUTY (I.D.)**—Just naturally a large flower, a seedling of Jane Cowl-Bing Crosby—it received a certificate at the Storr's Trial Grounds.

—ROOTS \$5.00; PLANTS \$2.00

**GREATER GLORY (S.C.)**—A very large rose pink of beautiful formation. Winner of eleven firsts as a seedling.

—PLANTS \$2.75

**GREAT EASTERN (I.D.)**—A blending of orange gold and red-dish orange. Very large.

—PLANTS \$1.75

**GENEVA BEAUTY (F.D.)**—Color Napol red with darker red center. Excellent stems.

—PLANTS \$1.00

**GRACE O'NEIL (MIN.)**—A delicate shade of shrimp-pink, with silver tips. Always covered with blooms; has very good habits.

—ROOTS \$0.75; PLANTS \$0.50

**GOVERNEUR WEYLER (S.C.)**—(Foreign) — Outstanding lilac blue. Very good.

—ROOTS \$1.25; PLANTS \$0.65

**GENERAL FRANCISCO FRANCO (F.D.)**—(Foreign)—A very large exhibition variety of lavender suffused lilac.

—PLANTS \$1.00

**GOLDEN AGE (S.C.)**—(Foreign)—A pretty flower of amber and orange.

—PLANTS \$0.50

**GOLDEN STANDARD (C.)**—A very large flower of golden tan. Fine exhibitors.

—ROOTS \$0.75; PLANTS \$0.50

**GARDEN DIRECTOR ANLAUF (I.D.)**—(Foreign)—Large purple red, tipped white.

—PLANTS \$1.00

**HILLCREST NUGGET (I.D.)**—Nugget bronze. Giant blooms. One of our favorites.

—PLANTS \$0.50

**HOSIANKA (C.)**—(Foreign) — Primrose and bright salmon. Unusually attractive.

—ROOTS \$0.75; PLANTS \$0.50

**HUNT'S VELVET WONDER (I.D.)**— Rich burgundy red. Greatly admired.

—PLANTS \$0.50

**HAPPINESS (F.D.)**—A very rare new color, bright begonia rose with distinct zone of lemon yellow at base of petals. A most attractive dahlia.

—ROOTS \$1.00; PLANTS \$0.50

**HEATHERBLOOM (F.D.)**—(Foreign)—White and lavender.

—ROOTS \$0.50

**HI-LITE (I.D.)**—Color is rich velvety carmine, shaded rose red and tipped gold.

—ROOTS \$1.50; PLANTS \$0.75

**INSPIRATION (C.)**— Foreign — Color, dark elegant yellow self.

—ROOTS \$1.00; PLANTS \$0.50

**JOHANNESHAUPT (I.D.)**—(Foreign) — Real large brilliant scarlet overlaid brownish red.

—PLANTS \$1.00

**JOGER (S.C.)**—(Foreign)—Color, coral red with a touch of carmine scarlet.

—PLANTS \$0.75

**JURGEN CACTUS** (Foreign)—A beautiful novelty. Color dark rose. Award of Merit in Germany. —PLANTS \$0.75

**JERSEY'S DAINTY** (C.)—A beautiful white, perfect dahlia of fine form. A good bloomer with stiff stems. —ROOTS \$1.00; PLANTS \$0.50

**JIMMIE FOX** (I.D.)—A truly spectacular dahlia of giant size. New color, copper red, tinged with henna. The blooms obtain a size of 13 inches. —PLANTS \$2.00

**JOSEPH JANNING** (F.D.) — Crimson pink with white tips. Good bush and prolific. Did fine last season. —ROOTS \$1.50; PLANTS \$0.75

**JEAN PATURET** (C.)—A large flower held on ideal long stems well above the plants. It has fine petals which give the flower the appearance of a mum. Color brilliant yellow self. The bloom has good depth and lasts a long time when cut. —PLANTS \$1.00

**JESSIE CRAWFORD** (I.D.)—Ivory white with blendings of cattleya pink. —ROOTS \$1.00; PLANTS \$0.50

**KISMETH** (S.C.)—(Foreign)—Bright cardinal red. —PLANTS \$0.50

**KEMP'S WHITE WONDER** (I.D.)—A beautiful white. —ROOTS \$0.50; PLANTS \$0.40

**KENTUCKY SUN** (F.D.)—A great yellow dahlia. The best grower of the yellows. Honor roll. —ROOTS \$2.00; PLANTS \$1.00

**LITTLE DREAM** (C. MIN)—Brilliant rose with light center. —PLANTS \$0.40

**LUDOWIKA ENTRUP** (F.D.)—(Foreign)—Fine white, sometimes tinged mauve. —PLANTS \$0.75

**LAETARE** (C.)—(Foreign)—Luminous red on a soft yellow ground, gradually shading to yellow at the tips. —PLANTS \$1.00

**LELAND STANFORD** (I.D.)—Brilliant cardinal red, with formation somewhat similar to the great California Idol by the same originator. —PLANTS \$2.00

**LE' JOY** (I.D.) — A deep bluish orchid, with many of the blooms tipped pure white. —PLANTS \$2.00

**LITTLE PEARL** (C. MIN.)—(Foreign)—Salmon pink. —PLANTS \$0.75

**LEMONIA** (S.C.)—(Foreign)—Large lemon yellow. —PLANTS \$0.50

**LAURENTIC** (I.D.) — (Foreign) — A glorified Grace Curling, same color, but much larger.—ROOTS \$0.90; PLANTS \$0.50

**LORD OF AUTUMN** (I.D.)—Bright clear golden yellow. Exceptionally beautiful. —ROOTS \$1.00; PLANTS \$0.50

**MARVELOUS** (F.D.)—Brightest orange ever, yellow tips and base, and reverse. Perfect stems —PLANTS \$1.50

**MRS. C. E. WILDON**—1938 winner of Certificate of Merit for 1938 at East Lansing. An improvement in the large reds, and greatly admired. We grew this great dahlia last season. —PLANTS \$3.00 NET

**MRS. W. S. KNUDSEN** — 1938. — A very large pure white Heavy winner in the Mid-West Shows. Shown only four times, at Detroit, Toledo, Indianapolis and Chicago, winning first in its class each time. Also Certificate of Merit at East Lansing. We grew this on trial last season. It is a great white. —PLANTS \$3.00 NET

**MICHIGAN WHITE (S.C.)—1938**—The most prolific blooming white commercial to date. Excellent for basket and vase arrangements. Scored at several trial grounds.

—PLANTS \$2.50 NET

**MISS OAKLAND (F.D.)—A pure white with a great winning record.** An early bloomer; stems stiff and straight, with length 12 to 30 inches; insect resistant foliage.

—ROOTS \$5.00; PLANTS \$2.00

**MASON'S PURPLE BEAUTY (F.D.)—A very fine velvety purple, formal decorative, having good substance to the petals with a silver reverse showing at the center of the blooms.**

—ROOTS \$1.25; PLANTS \$0.75

**MIDWEST (C.)—Color new and unusual, but I think light purple with tints of rose describe it best. A fine dahlia.**

—PLANTS \$1.00

**MME. GEORGES PEZANT (C.)—(Foreign)**—The blooms are real giants, held high above fine foliage on the best of stems. One of the most sensational foreign origination in many years.

—PLANTS \$1.75

**MRS. IDA CHASE (S.C.)—Combination of bright lemon yellow and spinal pink, reverse pale lavender pink.** —PLANTS \$1.75

**MRS. HERBERT O'CONNOR (I.D.)—A soft rose-pink, deepening at center, dark healthy open foliage and a profuse and continuous bloomer.**

—PLANTS \$1.00

**MISS GLORY (S.C.)—One of the largest semi-cactus. Color is mellow apricot yellow.** —ROOTS \$2.00; PLANTS \$1.00

**MARGRACE (I.D.)—Color, bright red, tipped gold with light reverse.**

—ROOTS \$1.75; PLANTS \$1.00

**MISS OHIO (C.)—Lilac rose color; long, stiff stems; an ideal exhibition and florist variety.**

—PLANTS \$2.00

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